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SUBJECT: GATT TEXTILES WORKING PARTY

REF: GENEVA 1713 (NOTAL)

1. ON APRIL 18, DEPARTMENT' S SPECIAL ADVISOR JURICH
DISCUSSED, WITH EC COMMISSION' S DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ GENERAL IN
EXTERNAL RELATIONS ERNST, GATT SECRETARIAT' S SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW
APPROACH TO THE TEXTILE PROBLEM. (REFTEL)
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2. JURICH EXPLAINED THE TIMING AND SUBSTANTIVE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL POSED FOR THE UNITED STATES. ERNST AGREED, AND, IN FACT, STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL " OUT OF THIS WORLD" AND NOT SERIOUS. THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH A STANDSTILL. THE COMMUNITY MIGHT EVENTUALLY AGREE TO SOME FORM OF NON- BINDING INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE, BUT IT COULD NOT AGREE TO HAVING ITS HANDS BOUND BY AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION UNDER A FUTURE AGREEMENT.

3. ERNST SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST TACTICS IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARIAT' S MOVE WOULD BE (A) TO PUT A SUBSTANTIVE PAPER ON THE TABLE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE SECRETARIAT' S ORAL PROPOSAL, OR (B) TO WORK OUT AN AGENDA ALLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT, SO THAT EACH PARTICIPANT WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON THESE ELEMENTS BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DEVISE AN OVERALL STRUCTURE FOR THE AGREEMENT.

4. BOTH ERNST AND JURICH FELT THAT THOUGH PROBLEMS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ARISE BETWEEN THE US AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE LATER STAGES OF THE NEGOTATIONS, THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT ON THIS ISSUE, AND TOGETHER THEY SHOULD BE ABOE TO PERSUADE THE SECRETARIAT THAT ITS PROPOSAL DID NOT CORRESPOND TO THE REALITY OF THE WORLD TEXTILE SITUATION. THEY DECIDED TO MEET IN GENEVA ON MAY 2 TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND TACTICS PRIOR TO THE RECONVENING OF THE FULL WORKING PARTY. GREENWALD

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